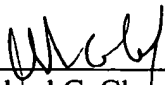


REMARKS

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated November 8, 2005. The Office Action rejected claims 1-51 and allowed claims 52-64. Although it is not believed that these rejections are well founded, given the finality of the Office Action, claims 1-51 are being canceled to facilitate the application process and may be pursued in a continuation. This leaves allowed claims 52-64 as the only pending claims.

Accordingly, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of its allowance is solicited. However, if the Examiner has any further matters that need to be resolved, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

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